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SUBJECT: SOMALIA - KENYANS WILL JOIN PIRACY CONTACT GROUP

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Classified By: Joseph Trimble for reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

[1](#)1. (C/Rel KE) We shared reftel A points and non-paper with MFA Director of Political Affairs Ambassador Benson Ogutu, Americas Desk Head Ambassador Binsai Chepsongol, and International Organizations and Conferences Head Anthony Andanje. Andanje responded that the Kenyans will join the Contact Group on Piracy, and would so inform their UN Permanent Representative Zachary Muita-Mburi.

[1](#)2. (SBU) In November the Government of Kenya took custody of and pledged to prosecute eight Somali suspected pirates arrested by a United Kingdom warship (ref B). Subsequently, the Kenyan government signed a memorandum of understanding with the UK to accept and prosecute additional arrested pirates brought to Kenya in the future. The Kenyans are reportedly working on a separate, similar agreement with the European Union. Kenyan Foreign Minister Wetangula, both publicly in his December 11 speech to a UN- and Kenyan-sponsored piracy conference, and privately to us, pledged to prosecute as many pirates as could be brought to Kenya. Kenya favors greater international coordination on piracy.

[1](#)3. (U) Separately, with regard to the December 16 New York meeting of the long-established quarterly International Contact Group for Somalia, Andanje also confirmed PermRep Muita-Mburi will attend for Kenya.  
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